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5780 - STUDENT/PARENT RIGHTS

The Board of Education recognizes that students possess not only the right to an education but many of the rights of citizenship as well.

In providing students the opportunity for an education to which they are entitled, the Board shall attempt to offer nurture, counsel, and custodial care appropriate to their age and maturity. At the same time, the Board recognizes that no student may be deprived of the basic right to equal access to the educational program, and **the student's** constitutional right to due process and free expression and association as appropriate for the school environment.

Attendant to the rights afforded to each student, however, are certain responsibilities, which include respect for the rights of others, obedience to properly constituted school authority, and compliance with the guidelines and rules of the District.

Since a student who has reached the age of majority possesses the full rights of an adult, **the student** may authorize those school matters previously handled by **the student's** parents, but **the student** also assumes the responsibility for **their** performance in school, attendance, and compliance with school rules.

Parents also have rights in the school system to know about their student's educational experience. Specific rights are listed in topic areas of these policies.

Parent Right to Inspect Instructional Materials

In addition, parents have the right to inspect any instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum for their student. Instructional materials means instructional content, regardless of format, that is provided to the student, including printed or representational materials, audio-visual materials, and materials available in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). Instructional material does not include academic tests or academic assessments.

The Superintendent shall, in consultation with parents, develop a procedure addressing the right of parents as described herein and procedures to assure timely response to parental requests to review instructional material. The procedure shall also address reasonable notification to parents and students of their rights to review these materials. See AG 9130A and Form 9130 F3.

Right to Inspect Technology Provider Contract

The District shall provide parents and students with an opportunity to inspect a complete copy of each technology provider contract.

This policy shall not supercede any rights under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

**[Cross Reference:
po8310]**

5780 ~~STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES~~

~~Students, like all citizens, have rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. Most often, the First Amendment—which ensures the freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition—and the Fourteenth Amendment—which guarantees due process and equal protection—apply in school situations.~~

~~The rights of an individual are preserved only by the protection and preservation of the rights of others. A student is responsible for the way his/her rights are exercised and s/he must accept the consequences of any action and recognize the boundaries of his/her rights. Each exercise of an individual's rights must demonstrate respect for the rights of others.~~

~~These statements set forth the rights of students in the public schools of the District and the responsibilities which are inseparable from these rights:~~

- ~~A. civil rights including the rights to equal educational opportunity and freedom from discrimination; the responsibility not to discriminate against others;~~
- ~~B. the right to attend public schools; the responsibility to attend school regularly and to observe school rules essential for permitting others to learn at school;~~
- ~~C. the right to due process of law with respect to suspension and expulsion;~~
- ~~D. the right to free inquiry and expressions; responsibility to observe rules regarding these rights; and~~
- ~~E. the right to privacy, which includes privacy in respect to the student's school records.~~

~~As part of the educational process, students should be made aware of their legal rights and of the legal authority of the South Western City Board of Education to make and delegate authority to its staff to make rules regarding orderly operation of the schools.~~

~~A copy of the School Discipline Code will be posted in each of the schools and given to each student. This code describes in detail the offenses such as truancy, tardiness, property damage, etc., for which disciplinary action may be taken. Copies of the code are available for any parent in the principal's office.~~

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